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OPPOSITION MOUNTS AGAINST TRUMAN'S "FASCIST" DRAFT-LABOR BILL

J. H. Quinn, Re-Elected To State Board of Equalization, Thanks A. F. of L. Supporters

James H. Quinn, member of the State Board of Equalization from the second district, was returned to that office at the state primary election held this week. The results of the vote shows a high tribute to the fine manner in which the affairs of this important office had been handled by Jim Quinn.

Quinn, who came up from the ranks of the American Federation of Labor as a member of the Steam Fitters' Local No. 342, still retains his membership in that local and previous to his election to the State Board of Equalization was president of the Alameda County Building and Construction Trades Council and also managing editor of the East Bay Labor Journal for many years.

The many real friends of Jim Quinn around the Labor Temple are jubilant over the fine showing made by their former fellow workman.

James H. Quinn desires to express his appreciation and thanks to the many A. F. of L. friends who supported him in the recent election.



J. H. "Jimmie" QUINN

NEW YORK AFL GROUP FIGHTS TRUMAN BILL

WASHINGTON.—A delegation of New York AFL members headed by President Robert Schrank of the state council of the International Association of Machinists, visited members of the House and Senators Robert F. Wagner (D, N. Y.) and James Mead (D, N. Y.) May 31st to urge defeat of President Harry S. Truman's emergency labor bill.

Included in the group were four representatives of the Hotel and Restaurant Employes, Frank Golden and Steve O'Donnell of Local 144, Building Service Employes; Frank Ibanez, Local 1, Bakery and Confectionery Workers; Andrew Leredua and Ben Sher, Jewelry Workers' International Union; Sal Fishko, Local 477, Printing Pressmen, and five other members of the IAM.

Kansas AFL Backs Policemen's Union

HUTCHINSON, Kans.—Full support to the Wichita Policemen's Union (AFL) was voted by the 35th annual convention of the Kansas Federation of Labor.

Several of the city police have been discharged in Wichita for joining the union. The State Federation pledged financial and moral support to see the fight through the courts.

F. E. Walsh of Wichita was re-elected federation president and F. E. Black of Topeka was re-elected secretary-treasurer. The federation voted to authorize the establishment of a permanent headquarters for the secretary.

TRUMAN BILL PACKED WITH ANTI-LABOR EXPLOSIVES

By ATHAN WITT, for Federated Press.

(Federated Press and Labor Journal present a legal analysis of President Truman's anti-strike legislation by one of the most distinguished labor lawyers in the country.)

"I am sure that none of us wishes to take any action which will injure labor. . . . The benefits which labor has gained in the last 13 years must be preserved." The man who uttered these sentiments proposed, in the very same 15-minute address, that Congress adopt legislation which would, in practical effect, repeal the Wagner act, the Norris-LaGuardia act and impose involuntary servitude upon the American workers.

The proposed legislation (HR 6567) would authorize the President, after seizure of a plant, mine or facility affected by a labor dispute, to declare the existence of a national emergency if he determines that "the continued operation of any such plant, mine or facility is vitally necessary to the maintenance of the national economy." (Sec. 2) Thus, at the outset, the President is given authority over a wider area of the national economy than he had during the war, when his seizure power was restricted to war production.

Once the President has declared the existence of a national emergency, there would come into play the most complete and coercive sanctions against labor ever contained in a single piece of labor legislation in this country. When the proclamation is issued, the strike must be called off. (Sec. 4A) If it is not, then the strike becomes unlawful when the proclamation takes effect, not less than 48 hours after its issuance. (Sec. 4B) Thereupon refusal of the leaders to call off the strike subjects them to a fine of not more than $5,000 or to imprisonment for not more than one year, or both. (Sec. 4C) In other words, union leaders would be required to break their own strikes—or go to jail. If this coercion does not do the job, then the attorney general is authorized to seek an injunction to compel the calling off of the strike and to forbid all activity in connection therewith. (Sec. 5).

After the Norris-LaGuardia act is thus repealed, the next section repeals the Wagner act by providing that any worker who fails to return to work before the President's proclamation becomes effective "shall be deemed to have voluntarily terminated his employment." (Sec. 6) Even if the employer subsequently reemploys such a worker, this section makes it mandatory that he lose his seniority rights. Finally, the President may require the induction into the army of any worker who fails to return to work within 24 hours of the President's proclamation. (Sec. 7) The fact that this induction provision also applies "to officials of the labor organizations representing the employes" has escaped general notice.

To summarize: Strike and union leaders who refuse to break their own strikes are subject to heavy criminal penalties, to unlimited penalties for contempt if they violate strikebreaking injunctions and to induction into the army "on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the President." Strikers are subject to similar penalties and, in addition, lose their rights under the Wagner act.

President Hayes used federal troops to break the railroad strike of 1877—but he stopped there. President Truman broke the railroad strike of 1946 but has gone on to seek power to break all strikes. It was the arch-reactionary, Herbert Hoover, who signed the Norris-LaGuardia act in 1932, while it is President Truman who seeks to repeal it while posing as a friend of labor. It was Franklin D. Roosevelt who sponsored and protected the Wagner act which the man who purports to wear his mantle now seeks to scuttle.

The present danger is that anti-labor forces like those represented by Senator Taft will seek to concentrate attention on the patently unconstitutional induction provision in the bill and divert attention from the remainder. Even without the induction provision, the bill would still be a direct and sinister threat to the labor movement of this country.

MINE STRIKE SETTLED; NEW TERMS GIVEN

WASHINGTON. — The sixty-day soft coal strike ended May 29th with Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug agreeing to a $1.85 daily wage raise for the 400,000 miners, retroactive to May 22nd.

The agreement under which the mines will be run while in government hands was signed by Krug and President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers (AFL) in the presence of President Truman.

Main provisions of the new contract are:

1. $1.85 daily wage raise for all workers;

2. Time-and-a-half for Saturday and holidays;

3. Increase in vacation pay from $75 to $100;

4. Health and welfare fund, financed by 5c management payment for each ton mined, administered by trustees selected by operators and union;

5. Medical and hospital fund, financed by miners, administered by union trustees;

6. Unionization of foremen to be based on NLRB decisions;

7. Periodic inspection of mines by federal inspectors, adhering to a federal mine safety code;

8. Operators to be directed to comply with state compensation and occupational disease laws.

Morse Calls Truman Announcement Cheap Ham Acting

WASHINGTON.—Senator Wayne Morse (R, Ore.) May 27th, denounced as "one of the cheapest exhibitions of ham acting I have ever seen" President Truman's announcement of the rail strike settlement.

The President had interrupted his address to the Congressional joint session to state the rail strike was over, then continued his request for drastic emergency strike-curbing legislation. The message had been handed to him on a slip of paper as he was speaking.

Morse maintained Truman had staged the scene and "he well knew what the position of the railroad workers was when he started talking."

Immediate gallery applause was silenced by Senator James Huffman (D, O.) who was in the President's chair.

Senator Carl Hatch (D, N. M.) asked unanimous consent to strike Morse's words from the record, but was overruled by Huffman.

Senators Attack Truman Anti-Strike Bill

WASHINGTON. — Senate debate on President Truman's anti-strike bill opened with sharp attacks on the administration measure.

Senator Sheridan Downey (D, Cal.), attacking the draft-of-strikers clause, said "men driven at bayonet point to mine coal will not produce." He denounced the severity of court-martial law hanging over men unwilling to work and said the bill's passage "will cause a wave of hate in the hearts of men who do the work."

Senator Claude Pepper (D, Fla.) said that President Roosevelt had never asked for such powers in wartime as Truman wants in peace. "I would give up my Senate seat before supporting such a bill," he said.

Notice of Painters' Special Meetings For This Month

Painters' Union No. 127, will hold two special meetings this month. On Thursday, June 13th, a special meeting will be held for the purpose of nominating officers for the ensuing term, and on Thursday, June 27th, a special meeting for the election of such officers.

H. E. MOUNTAIN,
Recording Secretary.

AFL LEADS DESPERATE FIGHT TO DEFEAT ANTI-LABOR LEGISLATION AND OBTAINS NEW SUPPORT FROM LIBERALS AND CONSERVATIVES

WASHINGTON, D. C. — With organized labor fighting furiously for self-preservation, broad and powerful opposition swiftly mounted against President Truman's sudden demands for power to draft strikers into the Army and jail union leaders.

Condemning the President's program as a descent to "slave labor" and "nationalization of industry under Fascism," AFL President William Green launched a last-ditch defense of the freedom of American workers.

Congress was almost stampeded into immediate adoption of the legislation proposed by the President. In fact, the House of Representatives approved it by an overwhelming vote only two hours after Truman addressed a joint session of Congress.

But the abrupt ending of the railroad strike and reports of an approaching settlement of the nation-wide coal dispute cooled off the hotheads in the Senate. Liberals who are friendly to labor and conservatives who fear the effects of such legislation on private industry joined ranks in forcing a debate which will delay final action perhaps a week and may finally kill the measure.

But there is no time to lose! The slave labor bill is a blow from which free American workers can never recover! Don't wait! Wire your Senators immediately in opposition to this dangerous bill!

Evidence that the deliberate Senate can no longer be relied upon to rescue labor from ill-advised anti-labor legislation initiated by the House of Representatives, was its shocking passage of sweeping, restrictive amendments to the Case Bill. This, in itself, as President Green pointed out, was a flat repudiation of Truman's program. The President urged Congress to hold off action on permanent labor legislation until after a six months' study by a joint Congressional Committee and proposed his draft-labor bill as a temporary stopgap to check strikes threatening the Nation's economy.

The procession of startling developments which transformed the nation's labor picture over a single week-end can be summed up as follows:

1—4:00 p. m. on Friday, May 25th, two independent railroad brotherhoods, the Trainmen and the Engineers—put into effect a nation-wide railroad strike, crippling vital transportation.

2—That same night President Truman went on the air to denounce strikes against the Government and threatened immediate "tough" action.

3—The following afternoon the President appeared before a joint session of Congress to demand passage of "emergency" legislation that would empower him to place strike leaders in jail, seek court injunction against strikes and draft striking workers into the armed forces to work under compulsion and on the Government's own terms.

4—In the midst of his speech, the President dramatically announced termination of the railroad strike.

5—Two hours later, nevertheless, the House of Representatives passed his emergency bill.

6—The Senate, in night session, refused to act immediately on the emergency bill, but instead adopted a whole cluster of harsh amendments to the Case Bill.

7—On Monday the House of Representatives refused to accept the Senate amendments and the Case Bill may go to conference, with the possibility of a Presidential veto even if a compromise bill is agreed upon.

8—AFL President William Green rallied the forces of organized labor and after a joint legislative conference between AFL and railroad union representatives, despatched an urgent telegram to all Senators demanding that the emergency bill be sent back to committee so that labor could be given an opportunity to present its opposition at public hearings.

9—The AFL chief also issued a public statement, widely published in the press, denouncing the provisions of the emergency bill and branding the Senate-approved amendments to the Case Bill as the "worst type of vengeful and hysterical legislation."

10—Senator Claude Pepper of Florida launched a last-ditch fight against the emergency bill on the Senate floor with a six-hour speech ripping the proposed measure to shreds.

11—As the debate proceeded, conservative Senators swung over into the opposition camp and served notice they will vote against the bill. This was a highly encouraging trend.

12—Senator Morse of Oregon declared on the Senate floor that the sudden transformation of the usually meek and mild Harry Truman into a big, bad wolf was the worst "exhibition of ham acting" he had ever seen.

LABOR'S NEWS IN BRIEF

WASHINGTON.—President Truman went before a joint session of Congress in the nation-wide railroad strike to ask for the most drastic anti-labor legislation ever proposed in the U. S., giving him power to draft strikers into the army and deprive them of seniority and re-employment rights. In a wave of anti-labor hysteria, the House passed the Truman emergency strikebreaking bill 303 to 13 after only 40 minutes of debate and the Senate jammed through the vicious Case anti-labor bill, 49 to 29.

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WASHINGTON.—Helpless under the pressure of President Truman, the heads of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers (both unaffiliated) ended the nationwide rail strike. The walkout of 165,000 railroadmen had been 100 per cent effective, halting all but milk and troop trains in the nation's huge rail network. The men went back for an 18½c hourly increase and postponement of their major demand, 45 changes in working rules, for a year.

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WASHINGTON.—AFL President William Green branded President Truman's anti-labor bill as "slave labor" and warned that if enacted "fascism may grip America unawares." CIO President Philip Murray warned the Senate that the Case bill and Truman's strikebreaking plan have one aim—the destruction of the labor movement of this nation. Unions throughout the U. S. joined in an angry roar of protest to Truman and Congress.

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WASHINGTON.—The International Association of Machinists (unaffiliated) announced that its 700,000 members would work to defeat any member of Congress who votes for the Truman strikebreaking program.

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WASHINGTON.—The National Farmers' Union called on every citizen who values his liberties to fight enactment of the Truman bill as "naked, open fascism."

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VISTA, Calif.—Vigilante tactics of the Associated Farmers of California reappeared when members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL) picketing a packing plant were threatened with tar and feathers by 200 farmers.

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WASHINGTON.—The U. S. Supreme Court decided 6 to 1 in the Fishgold case that Selective Service Director Lewis Hershey's super-seniority theory was a false interpretation of the 1940 draft law, ending the months long controversy which had threatened to upset union seniority practice.

PRES. TRUMAN DRAFT LABOR LAW DETAILED

WASHINGTON. — The emergency strike-breaking bill offered to Congress by President Harry S. Truman and passed by the House with only 13 opposing votes May 25th is known as HR 6578.

Truman's bill touches "labor disputes interrupting or threatening to interrupt the operations of industries essential to the maintenance of the national economic structure."

It provides that whenever the U. S. seizes an industry, plants, mines or facilities "and in the event that a strike, lockout, slow-down or other interruption occurs or continues therein after such seizure," the President "may declare the existence of a national emergency relative to the interruption of operations."

In his proclamation, the President will set a time for its taking effect and call upon employes and officers of the employer to return to the job before its effective date, not less than 48 hours after signature. Should the strike, slow-down or other interruption continue it shall be deemed unlawful, subject to a "fine of not more than $5,000 or to imprisonment for not more than one year, or both."

Any striker who refuses to return to work will be deprived of his rights under federal labor laws, unless subsequently re-employed by the owners or operators, and then shall be deemed "a new employe for purposes of seniority rights."

Additionally, the bill gives the President power to induct strikers into the Army of the U. S. to serve "at such time, in such manner (with or without an oath), and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the President, as being necessary in his judgment to provide for the emergency."

After seizure by the government, the owners' property shall be operated without profit and "if any net profit accrues by reason of such operation . . . such net profit shall be converted into the Treasury of the U. S. as miscellaneous receipts." The act would remain in effect until "6 months after the cessation of hostilities, as proclaimed by the President, or upon the date (prior to the date of such proclamation) of the passage of a concurrent resolution by the two Houses of Congress stating that such provisions shall cease to be effective, or on June 30, 1947, whichever first occurs."

Telegraph Lines Sizzle With Labor Protests

PORTLAND, Ore. — Oregon's lumberjacks and longshoremen are burning up the wires to Washington with telegrams denouncing President Truman's anti-strike proposals.

The Portland Industrial Union Council accused Truman of "entering a conspiracy with industrialists to set the clock back on labor for 50 years." The Central Labor Council hailed the stand taken by Oregon's fighting Senator Wayne L. Morse (R) against the proposed legislation. Almost as many wires went to Morse as to the President, according to Western Union employes.

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYES AT SAN DIEGO ON 40-HOUR WEEK

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Yielding to post-war pressure of Local 127, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employes (AFL), San Diego county will place a majority of its employes on a 40-hour week with a 10 per cent increase, effective July 1st. County workers have been on a 44-hour week.

Called Meeting For Bakers' Local 119

A Called meeting for Saturday, June 15, 1946, at 6:00 p. m., in the Labor Temple, 2111 Webster street, Oakland, for action on proposed amendment to the by-laws increasing the death benefit to $300.00, will be a special order of business.

A report of the picnic committee will also be rendered.

A $1.00 assessment will be levied on absentees.

WM. WAGNER, President.
C. H. BULLOCK, Secretary.

A. F. L. Sponsored Candidates Win Support of State Voters In Tuesday's Primary Election

In a precedent shattering triumph, the A. F. of L. sponsored candidate for governor of California, Earl Warren, was re-elected Governor of California at the primary election on Tuesday of this week, being the first governor to be re-elected to a second term for several decades, and the first time in the history of this state that a governor has been elected at the primary election. C. J. Haggerty secretary of the State Federation of Labor, in follow-



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GOVERNOR EARL WARREN

ing out the action of the A. F. of L. political convention held in Sacramento early this year, carried on an active campaign to support Governor Earl Warren for re-election. Secretary Haggerty stated that in all his dealings with Governor Warren on legislation affecting the welfare of the working people of this state, he found the Governor to be more than fair in all his actions. Haggerty was well pleased with the results of the vote at the primary election.

State Senator Jack Shelley, endorsed by the A. F. of L., received the Democratic nomination for Lt. Governor. Will Rogers, Jr., another A. F. of L. endorsed candidate for United States Senator, was the winner of the Democratic nomination for that office. George P. Miller, incumbent candidate for Congressman for the Sixth District, was re-elected at the primary. Congressman Miller was endorsed by the A. F. of L. and received the high vote on both party ballots.

Patrick W. McDonough, endorsed by the A. F. of L., received the Democratic nomination for Congressman from the Seventh District. The incumbent candidate for the State Board of Equalization, James H. Quinn who was endorsed and backed by all the responsible A. F. of L. leaders in the 18 counties comprising the second district, was an easy winner on both Democratic and Republican party ballots.

In the Assembly Districts, the A. F. of L. endorsed candidates were easy winners in several cases. In the 13th Assembly District Francis Dunn, Jr., in the 15th District Bernard A. Sheridan, 17th District Edward J. Carey, and in the 18th District Thomas Caldecott were the choice of the voters.

Taking it as a whole, the election was very favorable to the American Federation of Labor endorsements.

Livermore To Hold Rodeo June 8th-9th

The city of Livermore will live again the frontier days of the wild west on June 8th and 9th, when the Livermore Rodeo will be held in that city this week-end.

Children will be admitted free on Saturday if accompanied by adult.

The Livermore Rodeo is billed as one of the fastest Rodeo shows in the west., and this year's program will feature a Saturday night dance, and on Sunday a horse show at 9:00 a. m., cowboy parade at 12:30 p. m., and the Rodeo show at 1:30 p. m.

Chamber of Commerce Likes Case Bill

WASHINGTON.—President William K. Jackson of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce visited the White House June 3rd to tell President Truman that the Case anti-labor bill "is definitely in the public interest" and urge him to sign it into law.

Jackson said he spoke for the chamber and believed the drastic measure would "minimize the work stoppages."

Truman has until June 12th to sign or veto the Case bill.

LABOR DEPT. REPORTS HIGH JOB TURNOVER

WASHINGTON.—Labor turnover rates in manufacturing continued to approximate wartime levels more closely than those of pre-war years, the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Quits, both among men and among women, remained high—42 per 1,000 as compared with pre-war levels under 10.

Boosters' Dinner Honoring A. F. of L.

Dan Marovich, president of the Oakland Boosters' Club, announces the Boosters have decided to honor the American Federation of Labor movement of Alameda County by holding a dinner in honor of this great labor organization.

The dinner will be held at Hotel Leamington at 6:00 p. m. Tuesday evening, June 11, 1946.

Reservations for this dinner may be made with Harold Jones, Highgate 2525. After dinner the Boosters will go out to the ball park to see the Oaks beat Sacramento. (We hope.)

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STRIKERS WIN VICTORY

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—The greatest general strike since 1935 completely paralyzed this city of 330,000 when the AFL and CIO walked out in protest against the city administration's ban on union organization of municipal employes. The 24-hour stoppage ended in victory for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employes (AFL) right to organize.

LADIES' AUXILIARY NEWS

How the Women Are Helping Through Their Organizations

LABOR TEMPLE AUXILIARY

Hello, Ladies:

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 11th. Let's have a gala night and start the new term with a bang. The social committee will have a very enjoyable evening planned, be assured.

All members interested in sewing and aiding in relief work, come down to the Red Cross meetings at the Labor Temple on Wednesdays. Here you may meet more intimately and become better acquainted with your fellow members. Our Red Cross has contributed many hours of labor during the war, and is now continuing with help for the needy. You new members, investigate this. You will enjoy the pleasant hours with your friends, helping a worthy cause.

There has been no report to me of any illnesses.

For any notices or news for the column, contact me—ANdover 0344.

HAZEL RASMUSSEN,
Recording Secretary.

MACHINISTS' AUXILIARY No. 97

The Ways and Means Committee met at the home of President Mabel Balli last Tuesday evening and outlined our program for the rest of the year. I, Lois, as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, wish to heartily thank all of the members that donated toward the blanket and I am quite elated at the lovely sum I have to turn over to our lodge treasury June 13th.

We will have a bingo game at lodge July 25th, after our social meeting, and hope you will plan to attend.

Girls, don't forget to save your rummage for our sale and if you have some, phone me at ANdover 7767 and I will see that it is picked up.

Sister Anna Hoover will have a whist at her home the latter part of August; date announced later, and we will have our fall turkey whist the first part of November. THe Ways and Means Committee will take charge of the Christmas party in December and we have much to plan in the way of making it a huge success for our members' children.

Our vice president, Celia Stavros, was surely surprised last Friday night when a group of us sisters motored to Richmond to give her a house warming. Celia just moved into a lovely new home and she was speechless when she answered the door and found us all there. Games were played and delicious refreshments were served. Those attending from No. 97 were President Mabel Balli, Sisters Anna Hoover, Marie Dixon, Anna Pettit, Eva Hare, Cora Ichor, Violet Klemm, Tillie Bartmess, Lois Girard, Brothers Chris Dixon, Jack Balli and Dick Girard. Some of Sister Celia's sisters from the Moose lodge also attended.

Sister Tillie Bartmess daughter Maxine has announced her engagement to Myron W. Osmunson; Sister Tillie entertained sixteen to dinner in honor of her daughter and future son-in-law. Congratulations, Maxine, and may your wedded life be very happy and prosperous.

Sister Marie Dixon and son Joseph motored to Clear Lake and while there called on Sister Virginia DeBeaumont and Sister Dixon reports that Virginia is fine and has a darling baby. After Marie and Joe left Clear Lake they motored to Ukiah and Willits and made a day and half the night of it; they had a grand trip and covered 350 miles.

Sister Clara Jenks and Sister Nellie Foley spent the week-end in Santa Cruz.

I am sorry to report that our own marshal, Sister Evelyn Gerholdt, is in Permanente Hospital where she underwent surgery Saturday morning. Make a speedy recovery, Evelyn dear, as we all love you and are remembering you in our prayers.

Brother Dick Girard and his spouse Lois motored to Santa Cruz Saturday and we roasted.

Our next meeting will be June 13th so will be looking forward to seeing you then.

LOIS GIRARD,
Press Correspondent.

CARPENTERS' AUXILIARY No. 160

Hello, Girls:

There will be no meeting this Friday evening, but we are hoping to see all of you next Friday, June 14th, at our social.

I hope all the officers remember that Wednesday, June 12th, is the executive meeting at the home of Ida Leroy. Please, girls, let's all call Ida and let her know we are coming. It helps our hostess so very much to know how many to plan for. Her telephone number is SWeetwood 9045.

Esther McCormick became the bride of Hanson H. Dedmon (Dick to all of us) at a very prettily arranged ceremony on Saturday, June 1st. It was an afternoon affair held at the home of friends on Foothill Boulevard. The day was perfect and their friends looked forward eagerly to this happy event. The rooms were filled to overflowing when the bridal party arrived and Ida Leroy played "I Love You Truly," and Theresa Michelson sang and it was rendered beautifully. As the song was finished, Ida began the wedding march and the bride's attendant, Margaret Burkholm, Esther's sister, came through the doorway. Margaret was attired in a pink suit and hat. Esther was very attractive in a turquoise crepe dress with small flower hat. Both wore corsages. The nuptials were performed under an arbor of white streamers surrounded by rows of spring flowers. Following the ceremony a buffet luncheon was served and the bride cut a beautiful tiered wedding cake.

The happy couple expect to enjoy a two-months' honeymoon traveling by car through the east and will be at home the latter part of August. Congratulations to you both and may you have a long and happy married life together!

Jean Kinney and her husband celebrated the 22nd wedding anniversary June 7th. May you have many, many more happy years together.

Diane Holder's daughter Vivian has at long last welcomed her husband Bill home again. You will never know Bill, just how much that family of yours missed you. Good luck, fellow!

Bea Christensen of Magalla has been quite ill with "Flu." Hope this finds you much better, Bea.

JOSEPHINE WOOLDRIDGE,
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NEWS AND VIEWS OF LOCAL 1622

By JOHN M. HANSEN
Reporter

Brothers:

Special meetings tonight, Friday, June 7th, and next Friday, June 14, 1946.

We thought the new hall would be ready for election, but due to labor and material shortages we might miss our big night in our new hall. But the men are working like beavers trying. If possible at all, you will be told at the meeting tonight.

For you boys who have to travel far away for work, there is plenty of work near home. I was told to pass the word along.

Most of the business is routine. As in the saying, no news is good news.

It was rumored quite a few of the boys were affected with Golden Glow fever over the long week-end. Others took in a girlie show. Not bad work.

Our recording secretary had a bad fall—two stitches in his forehead. He just laughed and refused to explain. What did she say, Larry.

Not very much news this week, so if you boys will excuse me, we should have a nice story next week after nominations.

See you next week.

Government Wheat Policy Brings Strike Threat

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Threat of a strike in terminal grain elevators to protest government wheat buying policies was voiced here by Vice President J. A. Leveridge of the American Federation of Grain Processors (AFL).

Leveridge denounced government policies as a threat to employment in his industry. He asserted the 30c a bushel bonus paid farmers for wheat to be shipped to starving peoples is diverting wheat from milling. Leveridge said the least the government could do under the circumstances is to have the export wheat milled into flour in this country.

A 3-state conference of delegates from unions in Missouri, Illinois and Iowa has been called to discuss the question of a protest strike. Observers from Kansas unions will attend. Leveridge made it clear the strike is not against millers but against government subsidy policies.

Frank Gannett Passes The Tin Cup

DETROIT.—Fishing in his wastebasket a leading Detroit businessman gave a representative a Western Union night letter dated May 28th at New York, begging him for "$10 to $200 or more" to "save your government from labor-boss dictators."

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Plumbers and Gas Fitters' Notes

By S. J. DONOHUE

During the discussions on sections of the labor-management plan between John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers and Mr. O'Neil of the mine operators, the public may have overlooked a decicion of the Wage Stabilization Board approving a pension fund in the electrical industry. Some time ago the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (an A. F. of L. affiliate) concluded an agreement with the National Electrical Contractors' Association whereby employers are to deduct one per cent from gross payrolls and pay the money into a "National employes' benefit fund." This fund will be used to supplement I.B.E.W's own pension system, which at the present time pays $40.00 a month to all members reaching the age of sixty-five who have been in good standing in the union for twenty years. Collection of the money will be under the supervision of a board of trustees consisting of fifteen members, seven from the union, seven from the employers' association, and one appointed by the Secretary of Labor. The union, however, will be the sole administrator. In approving the agreement as not constituting an increase in wages, the Wage Stabilization Board noted that, although the pension fund was to be administered by the union alone, the terms were so specific as to preclude diversion of the money to other non-exempt purposes. With this decision as a precedent, and with good will prevailing on both sides, John L. Lewis and the coal operators should be able to reach a permanent agreement on the basis of settlement reached by the government arbitrators when the mines are returned to private ownership.

The executive and examining boards of the local union will meet on Wednesday evening, June 12th. The next regular meeting of the local will be held on the fourth Wednesday evening, June 26, 1946, at 8:00 o'clock p. m.

CHANGES TO BE MADE IN SURPLUS PROPERTY DISPOSAL TO VETERANS

WASHINGTON. — Attorney General Tom C. Clark announced May 8th plans for streamlining disposal of surplus government property to veterans. The statement came after a two day conference with veterans' organizations.

Among procedures announced are:

1. The right of any veteran to get on the mailing list of his regional War Assets Administration office and receive sale notices;

2. Full publicity to be given to property disposal sales;

3. Enlargement of the WAA veterans policy committee, with monthly meetings;

4. Furnishing of complete information by regional WAA offices to veterans' organizations.

The conference was called after several Michigan veterans brought suit over veterans' priorities procedures in Detroit.

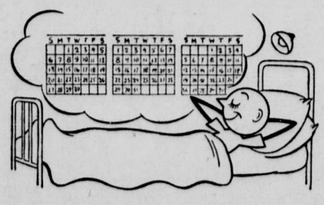
AFL Alarmed At Threats To World Peace

WASHINGTON. — Viewing with concern the "mounting threat of another world war," the AFL executive council May 19th called on the U. S. "to insist that Russia observe her wartime commitments based on the Atlantic Charter."

The council noted the widening cleavage in policy between the U. S. and Great Britain one side and Soviet Russia on the other and declared it was convinced that "further delay and appeasement offer little hope of success and may only widen the breach." It accused the Soviet Union of "denying fundamental freedoms to the citizens of other countries and depriving them of self-determination."

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McCLINTOCK'S MUTTERINGS

By A. B. McCLINTOCK

Vacation Time! What a beautiful word. Away from toil and strife. Away from thoughts of heavy magazines, bills, steps to climb, clocks to punch, bosses to keep a weather eye upon while they are keeping theirs on you. Away from it all! A pleasant dream, but alas, it is just a dream. What really happens shouldn't,—even to a dog,—even to your worst enemy,—yet.

The first day you lay, or is it lie, luxuriously abed as the alarm goes off and you contemptuously thumb your nose at it. You arise leisurely at about nine, consume your bacon and eggs, sip an extra cup of coffee and make your way with a mighty effort to the easy chair, light up the old corn cob and prepare to listen to what goes on in the world, via the radio.

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Comes the voice! The sweet, dulcet voice of the little woman. "How about those weeds you were going to chop down. You promised; remember?" You ponder a moment. Can't remember a thing about it. You couldn't be that dumb. Or could you? You could and you were. It all comes back. 'Twas the night you got home from the bowling alley about two A. M. when you had promised faithfully to check in at no later than ten. You groan dismally and drag your suddenly weary bones from the easy chair, grab the hoe, the spade and the rake and attack the weeds furiously. Shouldn't take over a couple of hours, but it does. "Oh, my aching back." All day in the hot sun; (yeh it was the day the sun came out), and part of the next. Then it was the garage door needed fixing; the hedge had to be cut, the chicken coop needed cleaning out; two chairs were coming apart. And, to cap the climax, the house needed painting. "What! Beat a man out of a job? Not me," says I. "Have you got $300.00 to pay the painters?" says the voice. "Three hundred bucks! I'll do it myself." Oh, foolish man. Foolish, silly, little man.

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You start. There's scraping, brushing, sweeping, a ladder to repair, and then you're on your way. It's fun,—for awhile,—until you get the crick in your neck, until your arms are ready to drop out of their sockets, until your poor legs get rubbery from trying to reach the high spaces under the eaves. Oh, brother! No wonder the painters get such high wages. Then that pesky Frank Dunne has to come by and rub it in again. A fine way to win votes and influence people. A good thing George P. Miller or Pat McDonough didn't come by and rib me. Damn if I wouldn't vote the Republican ticket. And remember this, Mr. Dunne, there's five votes in the McClintock household now, and some day you MAY have opposition.

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At last, it's all over. Vacation, I mean. Back to that friendly little mail sack, those beautiful magazines, bills, those friendly steps, my good pal, Skippy, the dog who follows me around, queries from the patrons, pleasant thoughts anent the raise in pay Congress has just given you. And, the crick in your neck has disappeared. The house? Oh, yes, a fine job, even if I do say so myself. And I do!

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You are a young old timer if you can remember when William (Bill) Spooner refused to eat a bite at a restaurant connected with a certain hotel, even though compelled by circumstances to attend a luncheon there. . . . Or, . . . when Jimmy Doyle used to go around and pick up empty cigarette packages (non-union) discarded at Labor Council meetings and use them as a basis for a rousing speech in favor of union products, . . . or, . . . when tall, dignified Bro. Fullmer would stride solemnly to the front of the hall to make his weekly report, . . . or when Bill Fee, then prexie, dashed from the rostrum and threatened to personally throw out one of his hecklers if he didn't subside. 'Twas in the good old days before the big blowup when we met in Carpenter's Hall on 12th street.

WORLD FOOD SITUATION IS DESPERATE

SAN FRANCISCO.—Reliable reports indicate that in many parts of the Pacific area only a 30-day food supply is available. An emergency exists, and it is vitally important and unpostponable for all citizens to cooperate in getting as much food as possible to hungry millions overseas without delay.

Various cities throughout the state have established famine emergency committees and emergency food fund collections, which are deserving of unstinting support from labor.

Three main pleas are made for the ensuing 30-day campaign:

1. Conserve food, particularly bread, at home and in public eating places.

2. Give generously to the Emergency Food Fund for immediate purchase by UNRRA of vital foodstuffs for overseas famine relief.

3. Bring vital canned foods — meat, fish, milk and pork and beans—to the nearest firehouse.

The Federation urges its affiliates to activize its membership in implementing this humanitarian cause.

1,630 TO 3 AGAINST PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S ANTI-LABOR BILL

WASHINGTON. — If mail and telegrams are safe tests of the temper and feeling of the people, there's no sympathy for the Truman anti-labor program in New York state.

Senator Robert F. Wagner (D, N. Y.) said, May 31st, that he has received 1,630 communications protesting against Truman's strike-breaking proposals, and only 3 (three) supporting them.

"But we've got a fight on our hands now," Wagner said, asking for help from labor to "save the Wagner act."

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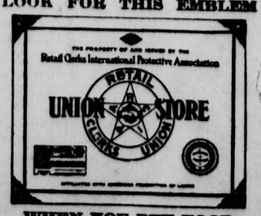
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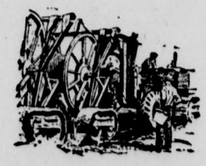
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PETRILLO SEEKS COURT TEST OF LEA ACT, URGES LABOR UNITY

CHICAGO.—In a test case to prove the Lea act unconstitutional, President James C. Petrillo of the American Federation of Musicians (AFL) May 28th called a strike against Radio Station WAAF for its refusal to hire three additional record librarians.

Federal District Attorney J. Albert Woll immediately ordered an investigation to determine if there were grounds for prosecution of the union leader, who was the specific butt of Congress when it passed the Lea bill. It provides a year's imprisonment and a $1,000 fine for each attempt to force a broadcaster to hire more persons than he allegedly needs.

Petrillo charged that the bill "was conceived in malice and anger resulting from a lengthy and bitter anti-labor campaign by special interests" whom he named later as "the National Association of Broadcasters, big business and Wall Street."

"I will fight the Lea bill right up to the U. S. supreme court," Petrillo asserted, pointing out that under the law "this Chicago station can overwork its employes, unfairly deny employment to three deserving musicians, amass thousands upon thousands of dollars of profits, most of which are the result of music, yet spend a mere pittance on music." WAAF is an independent and plays only canned music.

Petrillo, who was about to leave for the union's national convention in St. Petersburg, Fla., said he would deliver a strong statement there calling for unity of the AFL and CIO to fight anti-labor legislation.

"We had enough shackling during the war," he said. "We don't want to be shackled any more. The entire labor movement is going to cement itself to fight for its rights. We've got to get together."

NEBRASKA TO VOTE ON OPEN SHOP PROPOSAL

LINCOLN, Nebr.—An openshop anti-labor amendment to the Nebraska constitution will be on the state's ballot in November.

The proposed amendment would "prohibit denial of employment to any person for membership or non-membership in, or resignation or expulsion from a labor organization," according to Secretary Lloyd E. Skinner of the Nebraska Small Business Men's Association.

Besides this blow at maintenance of membership, it would "prohibit any contract to exclude a person from employment because of membership or non-membership in a labor organization."

Hard Coal Walkout On As Wage Talks Proceed

NEW YORK.—Seventy-five thousand hard coal miners stayed away from the pits May 31st when expiration of their contract at midnight still saw no agreement from wage talks between the United Mine Workers (AFL) and anthracite operators here.

Negotiations were to continue on the afternoon of the strike's first day with UMW Secretary-Treasurer Thomas J. Kennedy pressing for a settlement patterned on the victory won in the soft coal strike, including an 18c hourly wage increase and a welfare fund financed by payment of 5c a ton by the operators.

Truman Popularity Drops

NEW YORK.—Harry S. Truman's popularity as President has dropped 30 per cent since January, according to the Fortune survey of public opinion. The poll, taken before Truman made himself a lot more unpopular with his demand for slave labor, showed that the percentage of American people who considered Truman's performance "excellent" or "good" fell from 82 to 52 in five months.

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COSTLY DEATH TRAPS

By FRANK C. MacDONALD, President
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Much has been said and written about low-cost housing.

This propaganda has been inspired principally by selfish interests bent upon abrogating fire, health and safety laws.

Grossly untrue propaganda concerning cheap factory mass production houses has been given nationwide publicity. The motive is to make possible the erection of dwellings that do not conform to fire, safety and health laws. The inducement is cheapness.

The fact is that cheap dwellings are the most costly. They lack stability, safety and permanency. Cheap dwellings generally are a menace to health and safety.

Out of the experience of centuries, civilized society the world over has developed fire, health and safety laws governing the construction of dwellings so that health and property will be protected.

Notwithstanding the fact that American cities and towns have invested hundreds of millions of dollars in pipe lines, water mains, and other fire-fighting equipment; notwithstanding the fact that annually every city in America spends millions of dollars for maintenance of equipment and of splendid fire-fighting forces, the fact remains that in 1944 fire losses in the United States of America are estimated to have totaled $437,273,000.

Despite the use of the most scientific devices and methods of fighting fires and the employment of tens of thousands of fire fighters, fires annually take about 10,000 human lives in the United States.

The United States government appointed a committee of outstanding experts to make a study of the housing conditions in the United States, and methods of improving them. After exhaustive investigations and study, this committee made a report which included "Recommended Minimum Requirements for Small Dwelling Construction." This report is in effect a repudiation of the efforts of so-called cheap housing propagandists to abrogate fire, safety and health laws.

The recommendation of this committee for "minimum requirements for safety and economical construction of small dwellings," briefly stated, is in a form suitable for incorporation in local ordinances. The recommended minimum requirements for small dwelling construction is a rejection of the "common tendency to forget the positive protection to safety and health which properly framed, well-administered building codes can effect through prohibiting faulty structures."

Realizing the danger to the people of congested, insanitary, unsafe housing, California has allocated millions of dollars for redevelopment programs to accomplish the following purposes: "Advance the health and safety of the State and its citizens; decrease the spread of disease, crime and juvenile delinquency and reduce the expenditure of public health and safety, fire and accident prevention."

We have just emerged from a world war in which we made great sacrifices so that human lives and property rights shall be protected. The greed campaign of those who would abrogate fire, health and safety laws to enable them to build flimsy, unsafe, insanitary dwellings at the cost of human lives and safety will fail.

FEDERATION URGES PRESIDENT TO VETO CASE BILL

SAN FRANCISCO.—The California State Federation of Labor, together with the American Federation of Labor and all other affiliates of the A. F. of L., have urged the President by wire to veto the highly objectionable Case Bill passed by the Senate on May 25th. This bill was adopted by the Senate by a vote of 49 to 29 and was approved without change by the House by a vote of 230 to 106. It goes much further than the Railway Labor Act ever countenanced in regard to the so-called pre-strike cooling-off periods. While the Railway Labor Act provides no penalties for strikes called without observance of the procedures laid down in that law, the Case Bill would penalize employes striking in violation of lawful procedures by depriving them of their rights to reinstatement under the Wagner Act. Participants in such strikes would lose their job rights.

Some of the salient features of the bill include the following:

1. A 5-man Federal Mediation Board would be established to assist parties to labor-management disputes to reach settlement.

2. In disputes involving public utilities, the President would be empowered to appoint emergency commissions to make recommendations for settlement.

3. Cool-off periods up to 30 days would be required before strikes might be lawfully engaged in by employes in industries whose operations affect inter-state commerce. The cool-off period might extend to 95 days if the dispute involves a public utility. This would also apply to lockouts.

4. The Wagner Act would be amended in three basic respects: laws protecting the bargaining and organizational rights of supervisory employes would be withdrawn; employes striking during so-called cool-off periods would be deprived of their rights under the Act; employers locking out employes during the same periods would be liable to findings under unfair labor practices.

5. Suits for breach of collective bargaining contracts might be brought in Federal courts. Labor organizations would be made specifically liable to such suits.

6. Labor organizations now exempt from the Anti-Racketeering Act would be made subject to the penalties of that Act for engaging in extortion. This proposal is insulting, since organized labor never has and does not now seek any special immunity for any criminal transgression of any citizen, regardless of whether or not he is a union member. No such immunities exist under any laws, federal or state. This Anti-Racketeering law crudely and maliciously seeks to create a false identity between trade unions and vicious outlaw gangs and racketeers, against whom this law of 1934 was directed. By defining terms such as "robbery," "extortion," traditional trade union actions would be converted into crimes.

7. A provision entitled "Restrictions on Payments to Labor Organizations" would prevent employers from paying to labor organizations, and prevent unions from accepting, money or other valuables to be used for trust funds for the sole benefit of employes unless such trust fund is administered jointly by representatives of employes and management.

8. The use of secondary boycotts would be outlawed.

The cooling-off periods provided in this law, together with the many other objectionable features enumerated, would jeopardize crucial constitutional freedom upon which organized labor depends for its very existence. All in all, the Case Bill would make it impossible for trade unions to function and carry on their activities in this country.

The Federation urges all of its affiliates to request the President of the United States to veto this vicious, undemocratic and anti-labor measure.

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ICKES TERMS TRUMAN PLAN HEAVIEST BLOW TO DEMOCRACY

WASHINGTON.—Harold L. Ickes, former secretary of the interior, issued a blast May 29th in the name of the Independent Citizens' Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions calling President Harry Truman's labor-draft proposal "the heaviest blow ever struck against the fundamental rights of labor and the democratic traditions of our country."

Ickes spoke as chairman of the committee and sharply criticized the power given the President in the strike-breaking bill. He said "President Roosevelt united this country for an all-out war against the fascist powers. He had no such powers as this bill gives President Truman. Appealing directly to the people for support in a just war and a great cause, President Roosevelt did not have to draft labor or compel workers to work at bayonet point to keep our factories running for victory.

"President Truman, in peacetime, in anger and in inconsiderate haste, has struck out savagely at labor, without even mild castigation of the arrogance of some powerful employers or the ineffectiveness and inexcusable slothfulness of his own government in dealing with post-war economic problems.

"The President has opened the door for the striking down of much social legislation enacted under President Roosevelt. Labor would not be the only victim of the proposed drastic legislation. The entire American citizenry, the whole democratic system of government has been attacked."

Ickes' statement called upon Truman "to take another look" at his recommendations "because of their threat to American democracy" and asked him to "veto the Case bill if it should reach him."

ASSOCIATED FARMERS REVIVE ANTI-UNION TERROR IN SO. CAL.

VISTA, Calif.—Vigilante tactics of the Associated Farmers of California have made their reappearance.

When pickets of Local 630, International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL), appeared at the Vista avocado plant of the Calavo Growers' Association, almost 200 farmers from surrounding communities suddenly descended on them and threatened to tar and feather them.

That the gathering was not spontaneous was shown by the presence at the packing shed of Ralph Badger, president of the AF, who said the men had come to drive the pickets away "so their crops would not spoil."

Faced with threat of bodily harm, the outnumbered pickets — there were only three stationed on the spur track leading to the packing shed—left the scene. The union seeks representation of Calavo association employes here and in Los Angeles. Company-dominated unions exist at both plants, the AFL contends.

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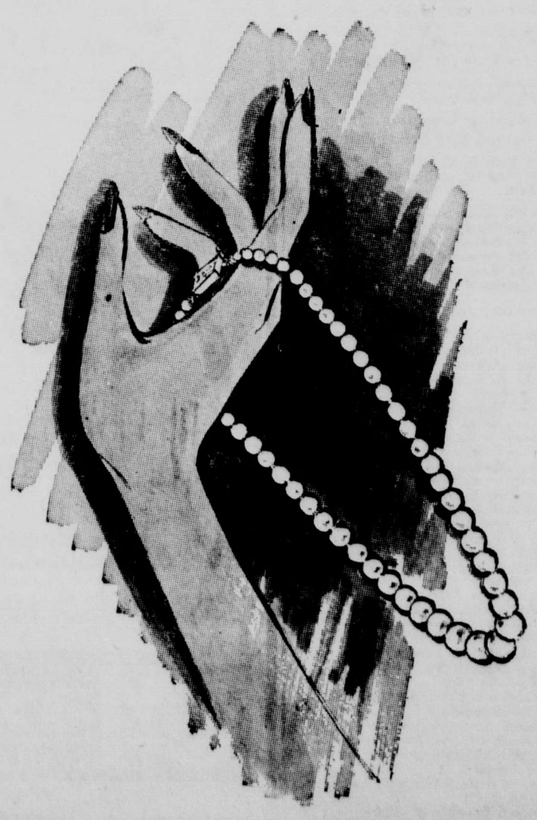
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OPA MUST BE EXTENDED

The cost of living, which has been climbing steadily since 1940, is now mounting skyward at an alarmingly increased pace. Official estimates of the rise fail to give even a faint approximation of the actual problem. Every housewife is more familiar with the facts than the Government experts appear to be. Even food staples keep going higher. Articles in short supply can be purchased only from under the counter at black market prices. Low-priced clothing has disappeared from the shelves. Artificial shortages are created to jack up prices.

The evidence speaks for itself. Inflation is here. It is idle to talk any longer about preventing it. Our problem now is to keep it within bounds and check what threatens to be a runaway.

This is an issue of direct and vital concern to every American worker and his family. Wages can never keep up with prices in a runaway race. Every boost in prices is a raid on the wage-earner's pocketbook. As the purchasing power of his earnings shrinks, the worker becomes unable to buy what he and his family needs. The inevitable result will be a dangerous decline in the American standard of living which organized labor has fought so hard to improve.

Some economists welcome "a little bit" of inflation as the forerunner of an industrial boom. But the tragic consequence of such a boom will be a disastrous post-war bust.

Under the circumstances, the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor sees no other alternative than the continuation of OPA for another year. We do not like OPA or any other form of Government control over the nation's economy. We would vigorously oppose the imposition of price control as a permanent Government fixture. But until the existing acute shortages of consumer goods and housing are alleviated, the OPA offers the only available brake against uncontrolled inflation.

The Executive Council, therefore, commends the action of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee in approving a year's extension of OPA. We now call upon the Senate to reject crippling amendments which would wreck price control in the coming year.

In reaching these conclusions, the Executive Council wishes to emphasize that it regards the administration of OPA as glaringly unsatisfactory. The widespread operations of the black market constitute a blot on the OPA record which must be promptly erased. On the other hand, the OPA has shown an arbitrary attitude in some cases by turning down reasonable requests for price relief by legitimate business. If price control is going to be universally ignored and circumvented, the OPA will become worse than useless. All respect for Government will vanish.

Labor insists that prices be kept in check until abundant supplies make it possible for the natural forces of competition to protect the consumer. We demand that the black market be wiped out promptly. We urge the Government to see to it that fair treatment is accorded under its price regulations to the nation's producers, merchants and the consuming public.—AFL Executive Council.

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24-HOUR ROCHESTER GENERAL STRIKE REAPS UNION VICTORY

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—A general strike, which tied up this city of 330,000 for 24 hours May 28th, ended in a union victory at 2:00 a. m. May 29th after the AFL and CIO had brought out more than 30,000 workers to back up the right of city employes to organize and bargain collectively.

The biggest general strike since the San Francisco stoppage of 1935, it was the answer of a newly united labor movement to a conspiracy of the Republican machine and big business bosses of this city to wreck labor and keep Rochester an openshop stronghold.

The conspiracy came out in the open May 15th when City Manager Louis B. Cartwright suddenly abolished 550 jobs in the Department of Public Works shortly after a number of city workers had met to organize in the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employes (AFL). The city administration dances to the tune of Thomas E. Broderick, acknowledged political boss of Rochester and a member of Governor Thomas E. Dewey's state Republican machine.

But the real rulers of Rochester, the men who boss Broderick, are a committee of 25 made up of big industrialists who until recently had been fairly successful in keeping this city an openshop domain. Its leaders are President Herbert E. Eisenhart and Vice President Carl Hallauer of Bausch & Lomb Optical Co., recently prosecuted by the Justice Department for a cartel conspiracy with German interests; President Thomas J. Hargrave of the Eastman Kodak Co.; Eastman's banker, President Raymond N. Ball of the Lincoln Rochester Trust & Savings Bank; and Carl Nixon, leading corporation attorney. Reactionary Publisher Frank E. Gannett works closely with the group.

Recently the CIO has been conducting organizing drives at Bausch & Lomb and Eastman Kodak while the AFL and CIO, which got together behind Roosevelt in 1944 and swung Rochester Democratic for the first time in its history, both have been fighting to save OPA. It was against this background of growing labor unity and spreading union organization that the public workers dispute began.

There is a well-rounded rumor that members of the committee of 25 held a secret meeting with the city council and Cartwright where the decision to abolish the 550 jobs was reached. As picketlines were thrown around DPW depots, stopping all public services, and uncollected garbage piled up in the streets, the Gannett newspapers demanded police action against the strikers, ranted that "outsiders" were leading Rochester workers astray and tried to start a back-to-work scare. Mass arrests of 257 strikers and picketing strike supporters precipitated calling the general strike by the joint AFL-CIO committee.

Factories shut down, bus and taxi service halted, movies, office buildings, hotel services and the Gannett newspapers were closed as 117 local unions went out. The strike involved 80 AFL, 35 CIO and two independent unions. None of Gannett's reporters covered the strike — they were in it. Rochester's main streets were jammed with good-humored crowds walking, hitch-hiking, agreeing with the strikers' slogan: "If Rochester stinks, blame Cartwright."

The strike turned this conservative city not against labor but against the Republican machine. A committee of citizens which tried in vain to get Cartwright to meet with the strikers gave up in disgust and began raising funds for strike soup kitchens. Four prominent Republican labor leaders—local heads of the AFL electrical workers, ironworkers, bricklayers and teamsters—resigned from their city posts. The anti-Republican sentiment was not stopped by the belated "helpful offices" of Dewey which led to deliberately confusing headlines in the Gannett papers before the strike that the dispute had been settled.

Final settlement, announced jointly by the striking city workers and the city manager, provides: (1) all fired and striking workers to return to their jobs without discrimination, (2) all disorderly conduct charges will be withdrawn and bail refunded, (3) any city employe has the right to join any organization loyal to the U. S. which does not claim the right to strike against the public.

Chairman Henry Steeves of the Joint AFL-CIO strategy board and President Anthony A. Capone of the Central Trades and Labor Council hailed it as one of the most outstanding victories ever achieved by Rochester labor. Political results of the strike will be seen November 7th, union leaders say, predicting that the labor unity will be permanent.

ANTI-STRIKE LAW FLAYED

CLEVELAND.—Wrathful and bitter, President A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen (unaffiliated) described President Truman's proposed anti-strike law as fascist and said the brotherhood would spend $2½ million to defeat Truman for re-election. He charged President David Robertson of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (unaffiliated) with selling out to the owners.

CRAIG OIL COMPANY OPENS LARGEST GASOLINE SERVICE STATION IN WORLD IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

This chain of service stations has entered into a contract with the automotive trades division of the Western Conference of Teamsters that covers all employes employed by this company wherever they operate.

At a banquet held on the opening of this mammoth service station, Wednesday, May 29th, the company insisted that representatives of the A. F. of L. Teamsters be present to take part in the activities; also present were outstanding prominent business men in the area of Los Angeles, representatives from all of the Los Angeles presses, and Chamber of Commerce representatives.

Mr. Craig, Sr., owner and operator of this chain of service stations in his address at the banquet stated that he wished to thank the A. F. of L. Teamsters for the wonderful cooperation they have given him since the inception in his business, and that he knew and could assure all other employers that if they would seek the cooperation of the labor unions they would certainly gain same if they were sincere. Mr. Craig stated that he would never operate his business at any time from now on under any but union conditions.

The opening day was a tremendous success and the seventy union members affiliated with the Garage Employes, Local 495 of Los Angeles, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers, pumped a volume of 7100 gallons of gas to start this 100 per cent union service operated station off with a tremendous degree of success.

Those present at the opening of this beautiful station as representatives of the automotive trade division of the Western Conference of Teamsters were: Griffin and Barnes of Local 495, James Shourt of the Southern California Teamsters' publication, and Fred V. Irvin of the automotive trades division.

Cost of Living Continues to Climb

SAN FRANCISCO. — Wholesale prices reported by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics for the week ending May 11, 1946, reflect the rising prices of our present inflationary spiral. The Bureau reports that during this week its Wholesale Price Index was 4.2 per cent over the level of May, 1945, and 47.2 per cent above the last week of August, 1939.

The prices of farm products have increased 122.6 per cent since the start of the war. Food prices alone have gone up 66.3 per cent during this some period, and textile prices, 38.3 per cent. Building materials prices have risen 41.5 per cent since August, 1939. House furnishings increased 25.2 per cent and miscellaneous commodities 31.6 per cent during the war period.

Dressing Room CHATTER

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, June 12, 1946, in the meeting hall upstairs from the business office, at 10:00 a. m. Be sure to have your paid-up dues receipt or membership book available to show to the sergeant-at-arms. It is unwise to wait until the meeting morning to pay your dues, as it will delay the starting of the meeting. It is advisable to pay them prior to the meeting day. Those who find it difficult to come into the office may make payments by mail, but for your own protection use a check or money order. Late payment penalty for dues for the current quarter is now $1.25.

Members interested as working as usherettes at the Oakland Ball Park are advised to call the business office.

Members interested in forming a class in regard to instruction in the sale of reserved seat tickets should also contact the office.

Brother Max Schuster announced the appointment of Sylvia Abreu of Hayward to the executive board at the last board meeting.

The new house, located at 148th avenue and E. 14th street is scheduled to open about the 20th of this month. Members living in that vicinity who are interested in working there should contact the business office for full particulars.

Up and down the aisle: Eddie Chew, our roving correspondent, sends in the following items. 1. Bette (Grand-Lake) Williams on vacation in the east. 2. Claims Ray Brosi resembles Universal's Turhan Bey (take it easy, girls, Ray is a married man). 3. It is now O.K. to reveal that Norma Miller (Paramount) and Bill Card, former treasurer of the same house, are now two of a kind (married to you). 4. Betty Stenbro has left T&D and is reported taking in the sights in the southland. 5. Bill Gault and Eddie Chew are on the air Friday nights over KWBR at 7:00 p. m. . . . Thanks, Eddie, if we had a few more correspondents like you, we would be able to really give the members a more newsy column. . . . It's worth the price of admission to see that personality smile of Opal Hamlin's at the Franklin candy counter. . . . George Wilkenson and wife are in town from Borden Junction to view the bright lights. George, a former member, was well liked and known in various theatres both as a doorman and an executive.

For every member of the armed forces wounded in action overseas, fifty-five persons were injured in accidents here at home.

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ACQUIT 4 GUARDS IN KILLING OF RAIL PICKETS

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — The four armed guards who killed two pickets of the Toledo, Peoria and Western railroad last February 6th will go unpunished—saved by TPW President George P. McNear's millions.

A jury of seven women and five men found the four strikebreakers not guilty of manslaughter after hearing three weeks of evidence describing how the guards shot Irwin Paschon and Arthur W. Browne at Gridley, when the railroad sent an armored train on a test run manned by strikebreakers.

Observers said the superior talents of the benign, fatherly defense attorney hired by McNear were responsible for the verdict. Defense Attorney Hal M. Stone used every oratorical trick to insinuate that the pickets were armed and unruly without being challenged by the prosecution.

In his final argument State's Attorney Clifford N. Coolidge dispassionately told the jurors that the state wanted them to make a decision on the basis of all the facts, not just those favorable to the prosecution.

While the defense took advantage of every opportunity to show that witnesses said some of the pickets had indistinguishable objects in their hands which might have been guns, the prosecution did not emphasize that all the victims were shot in the back and could not possibly have been threatening the guards.

The acquittal came in the killing of Paschon but the state's attorney said the other indictment involving the killing of Browne in the same affray would not be pressed.

Paschon's young widow, Glorio, collapsed after being told that her husband's killers had been acquitted.

On the day the jury gave its verdict freeing the killers, scab crews on the TPW were repairing the line, which had been idle since 13 railway unions struck against McNear on October 1st.

At Chenoa, a nonunion section crew repaired a frog to provide a crossover past the Chicago and Alton tracks. Water tanks at Gridley were also made ready for service.

Wyatt Talks Over Housing With Vets

WASHINGTON. — Housing Expediter Wilson Wyatt met with representatives of the major veterans' organizations May 9th in the first session of the National Housing Authority's veterans' advisory council, formed at Wyatt's request.

The council proposed:

1. Stimulation of building trades apprenticeship programs;
2. "Genuine" veteran representation on local mayors' emergency housing committees;
3. Special exemption from the $10,000 home ceiling for veterans with large families needing extra-bedroom homes;
4. Authority to move and rehabilitate their homes be granted to families forced to vacate land taken under state eminent domain writs.

Represented at the council meeting were the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Veterans' Committee, and American Veterans of World War II.

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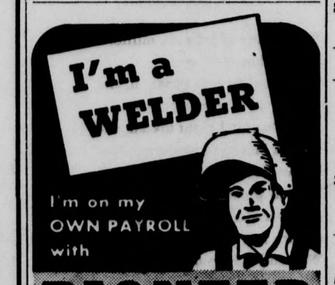
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